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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: ITEM 8 - ASSISTANCE TO
SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT REFUGEES

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE
TO SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT REFUGEES, SUBMITTED BY AFRICAN
OBSERVER AND MEMBER DELEGATIONSAT ECOSOC. ACTION MAY BE
TAKEN AS EARLY AS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, MOST LIKELY BY
CONSENSUS. DELEGATION PLANS TO SUPPORT DRAFT UNLESS
OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/126 OF 16 DECEM-
BER 1976 WHICH REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ORGANIZE
AND PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE CARE, SUBSIS-
TENCE AND EDUCATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT REFUGEES,

RECALLING ALSO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 417 (1977) OF
31 DECEMBER 1977 WHICH, INTER ALIA, REQUESTED THE INTER-
NATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TOWARDS
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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT
REFUGEES,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/119 OF 16 DECEM-
BER 1977 WHICH REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND
THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO
STRENGTHEN THEIR EFFORTS FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF EMERGEN-

CY FINANCIAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE
FOR SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT REFUGEES,

NOTING WITH DEEP CONCERN THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO TAKE REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST
STUDENTS IN THAT COUNTRY, THUS CAUSING MANY
SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS TO SEEK REFUGE IN NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND
AND ZAMBIA,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE NEEDS OF THESE SOUTH AFRICAN
STUDENT REFUGEES CONTINUE TO IMPOSE SERIOUS PRESSURES
ON THE FACILITIES MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM BY THE HOST
COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR ON THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS
OF THESE COUNTRIES,

HAVING EXAMINED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(A/32/163 AND CORR. 1) CONTAINING THE FINDINGS OF THE
REVIEW MISSIONS SENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE
HOST COUNTRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 32/119:

1. ENDORSES THE ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED
IN THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL;
 2. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE GENEROUS RESPONSE OF THE
GOVERNMENTS OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND AND ZAMBIA
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IN CONTINUING TO PROVIDE ASYLUM AND TO MAKE EDUCATIONAL
AND OTHER FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT REFUGEES;

3. ENDORSES THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
AND BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,
AS CO-ORDINATOR OF ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT
REFUGEES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TO MOBILIZE
A PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT
REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM;

4. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE CONTRIBUTIONS SO FAR
MADE BY ALL STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES
FOR SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT REFUGEES;

5. EXPRESSES CONCERN AT THE CONTINUING AND INCREASING
NEEDS, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND OPPORTUNITIES, FOR THESE
REFUGEES;

6. URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES

TO CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TOWARDS THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THESE REFUGEES, BOTH THROUGH FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND BY PROVIDING FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR CARE AND MAINTENANCE, AND FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING;

7. REQUESTS ALL AGENCIES AND PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE ILO, THE UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME, TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CARRYING OUT THE HUMANITARIAN TASK ENTRUSTED TO HIM;

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8. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO CONTINUE ALL EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAMME OF EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER NECESSARY ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND AND ZAMBIA;

9. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONTINUE TO KEEP THE MATTER UNDER REVIEW AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION.
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